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REPORT NO. CS-311/11002-69
DATE DISTR. 9 December 1969
COUNTRY Laos
DOI April 1966
SUBJECT Downing of US C-47 Aircraft and Subsequent Capture of US, Thai and Lao Crew Members Northwest of the Routes 9/23 Junction in Savannakhet Province

ACD Laos, Vientiane (6 November 1969)

SOURCE

1. On an undetermined date in April 1966, a US C-47 aircraft with a four-man complement including one American was shot down in the vicinity of WD 980360, approximately six kilometers northwest of the Routes 9/23 Junction (XD 0030) in Savannakhet Province. The remaining crew members were two Thai and one Lao. The prisoners were subsequently sent to a prison which was then located in the vicinity of Ban Thakhong (XD 310452), roughly 28 kilometers northeast of Muong Phine (XD 0927).

2. Comment: [redacted] was unable to recall the identity of the individual from whom the information was originally obtained in April 1966, nor was he able to provide further details concerning prisoner identification of the events surrounding their capture. An 18 October 1969 listing of estimated enemy prison order of battle for Laos carried a POW camp location at XD 3047, one kilometer to the northwest of the above reported site, as of February 1969.

3. Comment: An AC-47 aircraft was reported missing on 15 May 1966. The last known position of the aircraft was in the vicinity of XD 1185, approximately 50 kilometers from where an aircraft was reportedly shot down. The AC-47 carried an eight man American crew,

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all of whom are carried as missing in action. The AC-47
could possibly be the aircraft reported by source.

4. [REDACTED] Dissem: State Army Air USMACV 7th Air Force
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